GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE
LOK SABHA

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EARTHQUAKE IN GUJARAT
SUSHIL KUMAR SAMBHAJIRAO SHINDE

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention was drawn to the report in the 'Hindustan Times' of February 5, 2001, captioned "Shunned by the Government, these villagers refuse to give in"; and

(b) the steps taken to provide the disaster relief to these Kutch villages, where all the houses had been raised to the grounds, 1,000 people died and over 25,000 were rendered homeless?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHRIPAD Y. NAIK)

(a): Yes, Sir.

(b): The Central Government has released funds amounting to Rs.1000 crore from the National Calamity Contingency Fund (NCCF) to the State for taking necessary relief and restoration measures in the wake of the earthquake. The distribution of relief on ground is the responsibility of the State Government and they have drawn up the rehabilitation and reconstruction package to assist the affected population.